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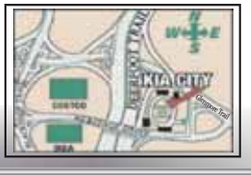

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Nickelback lead singer Chad Kroeger plays to a hometown crowd at the Saddledome on Wednesday night. The rockers play Saskatoon on Friday before bringing their show to the U.S. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Art may add to price tag of West LRT

Omission. Aldermen want to know why policy was ignored

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The West LRT price tag just keeps growing.

On Wednesday, the transportation committee was presented with budget updates, including projected construction cost overruns of $35 million, and $8.6 million sought for public art.

The latter amount's omission from the original budget steamed some aldermen.

Ald. Brian Pincott called the Public Art Policy oversight by administration "unacceptable."

"I want to see that policy adhered to, but I also don't think that it's up to administration to just come to us and say, 'Hey, we forgot $8.6 million for public art ... just go back to the taxpayers for more money,'" he said.

Ald. Andre Chabot asked whether architecture on the line could count as public art, but chair of the Public Art Board Charles Burgess said no.

"While some of the design aspects may be extraneous to the functionality of the space, it's different than something that's artistic ... with a specific vision of engagement," he explained.

The committee agreed to halt all spending on public art until a review of the policy is completed and administration returns in a month with ideas on a funding source for the LRT art.

The cost of the West LRT is pegged at $1.4 billion.

Gaming while on the job

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Northern Alberta

Fire evacuees allowed to return home

People forced to leave their homes because of a wildfire in northern Alberta are being allowed to return.

The Municipal District of Bonnyville has lifted an evacuation order for the area around Forsythe Lake.

The municipality says fire conditions have improved and the risk to property has been reduced.

Authorities are asking that the public avoid roads leading into the fire region to allow firefighters to do their work.

Officials are asking boaters to stay off Moose Lake as water bombers are collecting water there.

There are more than 40 fires burning in the province.

One of the most serious is in the Grasslands area north of Edmonton.

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Downtown

High winds break windows, force street closure

Calgary firefighters were forced into action late Wednesday afternoon when the wind whipped up a frenzy in the downtown.

Reported broken windows on the 15th through 17th floors of an apartment building in the 700 block of 5th Avenue Southwest had to be secured by firefighters.

Fire officials said cords and ropes whipping in the wind likely caused the window breaks.

According to fire officials, 5th Avenue would be closed to both traffic and pedestrians overnight and may still be closed during the morning rush. METRO

Members of the Shen Yun Performing Arts Group are seen performing at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium in this undated photo. COURTESY/FALUN DAFA ASSOCIATION

Cultural dance group punted from venues

Dispute. Minister puts end to dispute between Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium and Shen Yun performers

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Alberta's culture ministry has barred a Chinese performance group from venues in both Calgary and Edmonton after their hosts took complaints of alleged unprofessional conduct to the media.

Last month, the Falun Dafa Association raised the concerns, saying members of the Shen Yun Performing Arts group had been humiliated during a string of recent shows.

In one instance, staff members at Calgary's Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium walked into a makeshift change room while performers were disrobing. A spokesperson for the group later said the incident was purely accidental.

Other concerns were raised about stage management errors made during performances.

After making their concerns public, the Falun Dafa Association received a letter from Culture and Community Services Minister Heather Klimchuk last week telling the group to find new venues for previously scheduled performances for next year and beyond.

"In this specific situation, I feel that by not contacting the manager of the Jubilee Auditoria directly to address the issues, nor giving me the opportunity to respond to your letter directly before sharing information through the media and to elected representatives, we may have missed an opportunity to resolve these issues efficiently and effectively," the letter from Klimchuk reads.

Culture ministry spokesperson Marie Iwanow said making concerns public was not the sole reason for the minister's decision, adding complaints involving both parties date back to 2010.

Falun Dafa Association spokesperson Jenny Yang says the group did make their concerns known prior to going public and received little in the way of co-operation.

"This is really sad to see," Yang added of the ministry's decision. "The venue is taxpayer-funded, we felt like they had a right to know what happened."

Since 2007

- The Shen Yun Performing Arts Group had been performing at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium since 2007.
- Their recent string of shows in April featured more than 100 dancers and magicians.

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On the web

Bieber makes Forbes' top three

Justin Bieber's fame and money are making headlines once again (magazine covers, actually). Bieber's celebrity status and social-media power landed him a top-three spot on Forbes' Most Powerful Celebrity list. Read more at metronews.ca.

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Darrel and Marion Zietek were recognized by Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson at the BMO Centre on Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Local heroes honoured at Calgary police gala

Awards. Couple cited for derring-do have lent a hand before

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In 1993, Darrel Zietek and his wife, Marion, raced into a burning building in Virginia and came out carrying an elderly woman and her cats.

The couple never received any recognition for their efforts.

Jump ahead 18 years, and the pair were up to their do-gooder ways again after witnessing a convict break free from a prison transport at Calgary's Sunridge Mall last November.

With little regard for their own safety, the Zieteks pinned a vehicle stolen by the inmate with their own, allowing corrections officers to catch up.

Darrel Zietek then helped grab the convict from the vehicle and threw him to the ground. Marion capped off the courageous feat by slapping handcuffs on the escapee.

"We grew up in New York. This is kind of the norm there," Darrel Zietek joked on Tuesday night, before he, his wife and about 60 police officers and citizens were recognized by Calgary police Chief Rick Hanson at his annual awards gala.

While the Zieteks downplayed their actions, Hanson said assistance from the public makes life easier for his officers.

"When somebody goes and takes that extra step, we very much appreciate it," he said. "We have a rule that we only encourage people to do so if it doesn't put them in excessive jeopardy, but you will see tonight there are people that put themselves in harm's way."

Darrel Zietek, meanwhile, says he hopes to inspire others to do their part.

"You have less crime when you have more people that are vigilant," he said.

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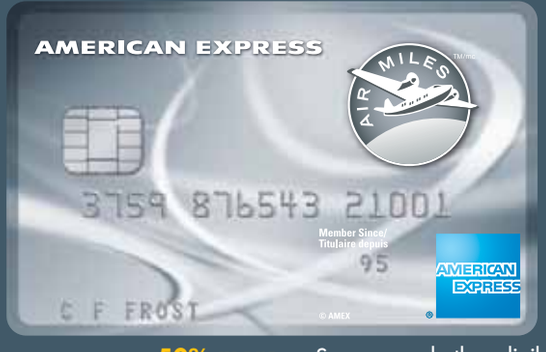

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Transit wants to take you for a ride, for your ideas

Calgary Transit launched its new RouteAhead engagement bus on Wednesday in the hope of engaging more Calgarians to develop a strategy for public transit over the next 30 years.

"I am nuts about Calgary Transit, but together we (officials) are not the experts in Calgary Transit. It is the person who takes it every day," Mayor Naheed Nenshi said.

The new bus will be seen at stops around the city and citizens are asked to board the bus and give their input on how to make Calgary Transit better.

There are no ideas too big or too small, Calgary Transit officials say.

In return for your input, the bus driver will give you a free ride to your destination.

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Chris Jordan, RouteAhead project manager, left, Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Doug Morgan, Calgary Transit director, show off their ideas for how to improve Calgary Transit on the RouteAhead engagement bus.

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Pet control

Bylaw services seeking input on off-leash areas

Animal and bylaw services in the city are looking for public input on the number of dogs people should be allowed to have in an off-leash area at any one time.

There is currently no limit to the number of dogs someone can have at an off-leash area, though under the current Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw, pets need to be under control — within sight and responsive to commands — at all times.

To fill out the online questionnaire, go to calgary.ca/animalservices until the end of May. METRO

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Biting dog has history, says family

Dover. Victim's dad wants appropriate action taken

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The dog that bit nine-year-old Bonita Carrillo on Tuesday night while she was riding her bike in her southeast neighbourhood has a bad rep, the family says.

Bonita said the dog once tried to bite her younger sister, and according to them, others in the Dover neighbourhood find the American Staffordshire terrier unpleasant as well.

One official complaint was confirmed filed with city bylaw on April 23.

The most-recent unprovoked attack resulted in 30 stitches for Bonita.

"This is extremely serious — when a child or anyone is bitten by a dog, Calgary has virtually zero tolerance for dog aggression," said bylaw boss Bill Bruce.

The dog was seized, but the owner fled the scene once authorities arrived, the family alleged.

The owner could face two charges, resulting in over $1,500 in fines, along with a possible a dangerous-dog order, according to Bruce.

"I want them to do what's appropriate — if it attacked once, it will attack again," said Bonita's dad, Antonio Carrillo.

Bonita Carrillo rests her bandaged leg after she was bitten by a dog. TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

Players power through 11 days of hockey

Diamond Marshall is held in the arms of her father, Lyall, at the end of the World's Longest Hockey Game Wednesday night in Chestermere. A group of 40 men battled for 11 gruelling days to break the Guinness World Record and raise over $1.4 million for the Alberta Children's Hospital. For the story and a photo gallery, visit metronews.ca. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Crime. Man sought in December store break-in

Police are looking for the public's help in locating a man who may have information on a TD Square December store break-in.

Staff found someone had gained access through a business next door and then broken through the drywall to enter the store between Dec. 21 and 22.

Closed-circuit images have now been acquired of a person who may have clues in the case.

Anyone with information can contact 403-567-6100. METRO

CCTV images released in the TD Square break-in. CONTRIBUTED

CBE. School support staff holding strike vote

Nearly 7,000 Calgary public-school support workers could walk off the job before classes let out for summer.

Lois Robb, chair of the Calgary Board of Education Staff Association, said her group has concerns related to both poor working conditions and unfair pay and will vote Thursday on a potential strike.

The association represents all school positions outside of teachers and unionized cleaning staff.

"We don't want to go on strike, but we will," Robb said.

"This is to send a message to the CBE."

After Thursday's vote, the association will have to wait on a labour matter being weighed by the province about the group's claim before announcing job action, should the vote go that away.

A Calgary Board of Education spokesperson said Wednesday afternoon it does not comment on labour disputes.

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Cheater next door? Find out if your neighbourhood is on the list

Wonder if your spouse is cheating? Could be as simple as checking your address.

AshleyMadison.com, a online affair-brokering service, recently determined what neighbourhoods in Calgary have the highest per capita membership.

According to the site's findings, the greatest number of cheaters live in the community of Elbow Park. Silver Springs is second on the list, and Upper Mount Royal is third.

"Calgary is a city where who you are is strongly related to where you live. Each neighbourhood has a personality and the people who live there tend to identify strongly with that," said Noel Biderman, founder and CEO, AshleyMadison.com in a release.

"The question everyone is asking is does the community impact the people within it, or are certain personality types drawn to those areas?"

AshleyMadison.com recently released their list of the top cheating cities in Canada. Calgary was ranked No. 3.

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Calgary's top 8

Our cheating neighbourhoods:

1. Elbow Park
2. Silver Springs
3. Upper Mount Royal
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Blatant Media employees try their hands at Battlefield 3 during the noon-hour break at the company's Inglewood headquarters Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

$20K gaming room aims to bond employees

Perks. Battlefield 3, Halo 4 are popular games at Blatant Media

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It's lunchtime on a sunny day at Blatant Media's Inglewood headquarters. But instead of heading out for a solo jaunt around the block, staff members are busy shouting in unison as they co-ordinate fighter-jet strafing runs and vehicle assaults.

The action takes place five days a week inside the e-learning organization's new $20,000 video-gaming room.

"It's either at lunchtime, after work or even sometimes during afternoon breaks.... It's people getting to know each other through video gaming," said company president Michael Owens.

"We encourage them to enjoy themselves and make fun of each other."

Blatant had a smaller gaming hub in their prior location, but decided to build into their new headquarters a soundproof military bunker of sorts.

So far, it's a hit with employees like developer Monte Rattray. "It definitely gives you something to look forward to," he said. "You get to know the people around you a lot better."

Blatant's HQ is for the most part bereft of cubicles and standard office décor. Instead, one finds communal areas complete with long chalkboard spans used for brainstorming. Major companies like Google and Apple use similarly collaborative designs.

"We like people to have a culture of enjoying their work," said Owens, who himself jumps into the action from time to time. "It really brings out the inner child in us a little bit."

Break time

Blatant Media's gaming room features eight 55-inch TVs, eight Xbox consoles, comfortable chairs and end tables for food and drinks.

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Quebec tries to restore some order

Legislation.
Student protests continue as government drafts emergency plan to suspend school year

The Quebec government has announced plans to suspend the current academic session for striking students in an attempt to restore order in a province plagued by unrest.

Premier Jean Charest says he will table emergency legislation.

The legislation would temporarily halt the spring semester for the minority of faculties paralyzed by the strikes, push up the summer holidays, and reconvene students in August so they can complete their spring session before starting the fall one.

Charest would not address reports that the legislation will also impose stiff fines on picketers blocking access to classrooms.

He said the details would be revealed when the legislation is tabled.

"It's time for calm to be restored," Charest said at a podium, flanked by four university rectors or association officials.

"Access to education is a right. Nobody can pretend to defend access to education and then block the doors of a CEGEP or university.

"The current situation has lasted too long.... Quebecers have a right to live in security."

The conflict has lasted three months and caused considerable damage — with numerous injuries, countless traffic jams, a few smashed windows, subway evacuations, clashes with law enforcement, a heavy police bill and, of course, disruptions to the academic calendar.

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Cops violated civil rights: Summit report

Police pull back an activist during the G20 Summit in Toronto, June 26, 2010. Police violated civil rights, detained people illegally and used excessive force during the summit, concludes a report by Ontario's independent police watchdog. It also blasts the detention centre set up by Toronto police. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Behavioural ads

Opt-out tool on the way for web ads that know you too well

Canadians concerned about web ads that seem to know a little too much about their habits may have relief coming. In the coming months, you'll have access to an opt-out tool that will help. One firm has a program where a blue icon denotes ads appearing based on web history. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal

Mask-ban bylaw could be adopted by week's end

Montreal is looking at banning the wearing of masks at protests. The mask ban would be a response to the near-daily demonstrations that have cost the city millions in lost productivity. The proposed law would give police the power to fine those wearing masks, with penalties ranging from $500 to $3,000.
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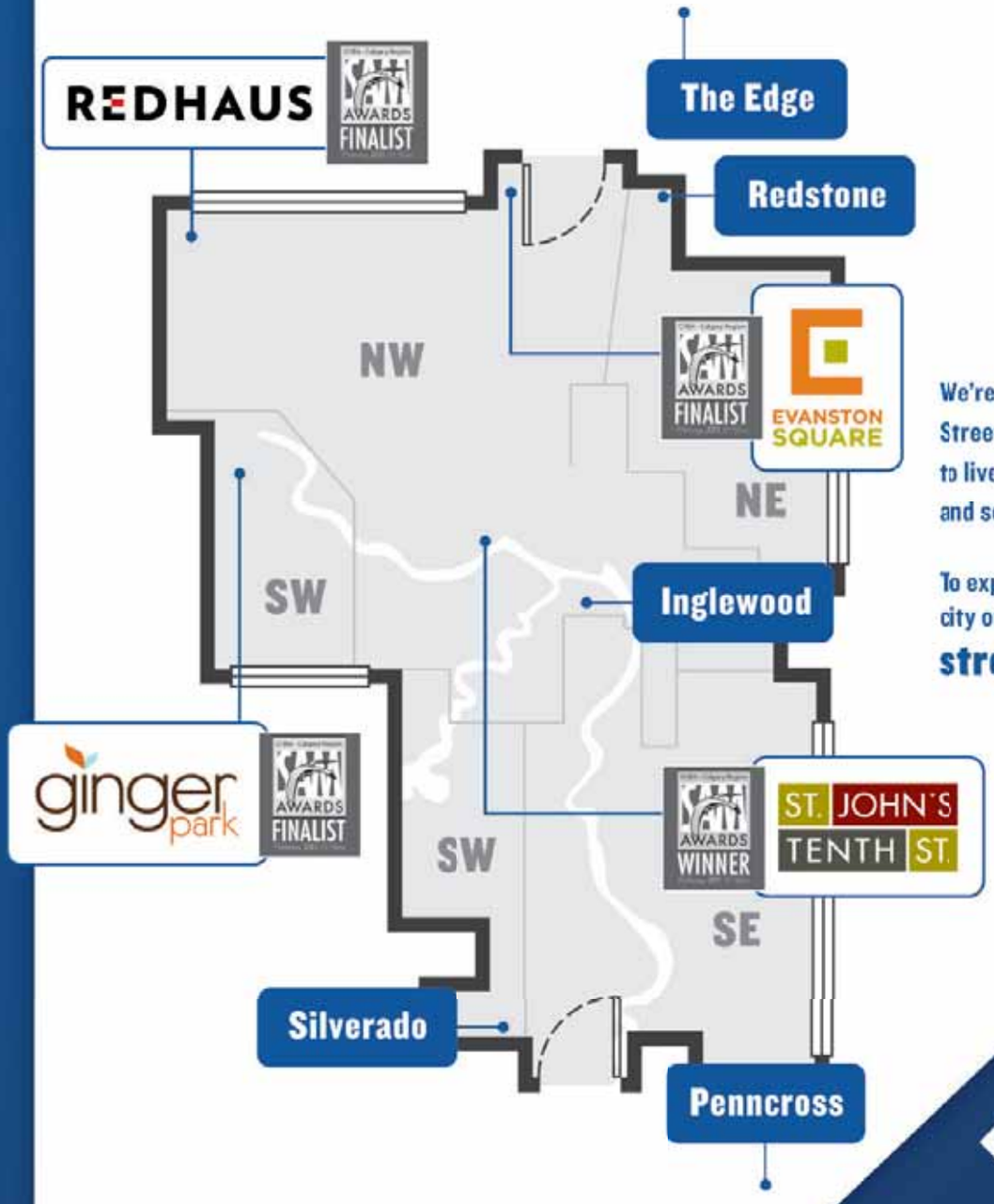

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Migrants

Workers face sexual harassment: Report

Female farm workers across the United States are commonly sexually harassed and assaulted, in part because their immigration status makes them fearful of calling police, according to a report released Wednesday by Human Rights Watch.

"Our research confirms what farm-worker advocates across the country believe: Sexual violence and sexual harassment experienced by farm workers is common enough that some farm-worker women see these abuses as an unavoidable condition of agricultural work," said the report.

The report describes incidents of rape, stalking, fondling and vulgar language used against women, who say they often don't report it because they are afraid of being fired or deported.

An estimated 630,000 migrant and seasonal farm workers are female.

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New York City

Lawsuit targets cop discrimination

A judge granted class-action status Wednesday to a lawsuit that accuses police of discriminating against blacks and Hispanics with stops and searches without cause.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled that there was "overwhelming evidence" that the practice has led to thousands of illegal stops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook

Hacker sentenced

Police say a 21-year-old British man has been sentenced to a year in jail for hacking into an American's Facebook account.

Scotland Yard said Wednesday the breach was reported to the FBI, which traced the source of the hack to the U.K. It said Gareth Crosskey pleaded guilty to two offences under Britain's Computer Misuse Act. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Slain bride's sister says groom called about fight

Wedding tragedy. Manhunt continues for groom of bride found stabbed in bathtub

The sister of a bride found stabbed to death on her wedding day in the U.S. says the now-missing husband called a relative and said he left her bleeding after a "bad fight."

Jazmin Carrera told The Associated Press that a sister of Arnoldo Jimenez told the victim's family about the phone call Sunday. Jimenez was crying and nervous, hung up on his sister and wouldn't pick up when she called him back.

Police are searching for Jimenez, who is wanted on a murder charge.

Estrella Carrera was found stabbed in her bathtub, wearing a sequined cocktail dress.

Jazmin Carrera says Jiminez had hit and bruised her sister in the past.

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Arnoldo Jimenez
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Wedding

- **Secrecy.** The bride told almost no one of her plans to marry.
- **Vows.** The couple wed Friday afternoon at Chicago's city hall.
- **Celebration.** They later headed to a nightclub in a party limousine. They were last seen at 4 a.m.

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Walking a fine line

Nik Wallenda finishes up a walk on a tightrope in the rain on Wednesday in Niagara Falls, N.Y. The daredevil was training for his upcoming attempt over the falls on June 15 that will be broadcast on live television.

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Google

Modified search engine in the works

Google is introducing a new tool, designed to make its search engine smarter.

The new feature debuting Wednesday draws from a Google-built database of more than 500-million people, places and commonly requested things to provide a summary of vital information alongside the main search results. Google Inc. spent the past two years poring through online encyclopedia Wikipedia, the CIA Factbook and other sources to expand a database of 12-million items that it picked up as part of its 2010 acquisition of Metaweb.

The information warehouse, which Google calls a "Knowledge Graph," is an attempt by the Internet's dominant search engine to provide answers as quickly and concisely as possible so users don't have to sift through a hodgepodge of web links displayed on the main results page.

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India

Rupee hits all-time low

The Indian rupee hit an all-time low against the U.S. dollar Wednesday.

The rupee hit 54.44 against the dollar, breaching its prior low of 54.39 set Dec. 15, according to FactSet data. The slide helped send the benchmark Sensex index down 1.8 per cent Wednesday.

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Skechers to pay $40M to settle U.S. charges

False advertising. FTC claims shoe company falsely represented clinical studies

Skechers USA Inc. will pay $40 million to settle charges by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission that the footwear company made unfounded claims that its Shape-ups shoes would help people lose weight and strengthen their butt, leg and stomach muscles.

Wednesday's settlement also involves the company's Resistance Runner, Toners, and Tone-ups shoes and claims of deceptive advertising for those shoes as well.

Consumers who bought the shoes would be eligible for refunds, though it's not clear how much money they'll get. The FTC says that will depend on how many claims are received in the eight-month filing period.

Most of the $40-million federal settlement would be returned to consumers, but a small amount of the settlement would be used to administer the payouts.

The settlement is related to a broader agreement also announced Wednesday that resolves a multi-state investigation led by the attorneys general from Tennessee and Ohio and involving more than 40 states.

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Wallet workout

Skechers billed its Shape-ups as a fitness tool designed to promote weight loss and tone muscles with the shoe's curved "rocker" or rolling bottom — saying it provides natural instability and causes the consumer to "use more energy with every step."

- Ads for the Resistance Runner shoes claimed people who wear them could increase "muscle activation" by up to 85 per cent for posture-related muscles and 71 per cent for one of the muscles in the buttocks, said the FTC.

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Facebook stock flying high

A taxi passes the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York's Times Square Wednesday. Facebook says 25 per cent more shares will be sold as investors clamour for a piece of the year's hottest stock offering on the Nasdaq Friday. The entire increase comes from insiders and early investors, so the company won't benefit from the additional sales. Facebook's stock is expected to begin trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the ticker symbol "FB." RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIS MUSIC AT WORK

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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So, I just heard a new Tragically Hip song playing on TV and ran into the living room like there was a fire.

Actually, that's not true. If there had been a fire, I would have just panicked in its general direction, or maybe called my parents for one of my "How do I do cook/clean/kill this?" calls, to ask if they had any quick household tips to avoid smoke inhalation.

But when I heard lead singer Gord Downie's voice, I leapt into action, barrel-rolling into the room as if lives were at stake, and grabbed both sides of the TV screen ready to give it mouth-to-mouth if necessary.

I admit I may have a problem.

I will go long periods of time as a normal person, then a new Tragically Hip album comes out and I become like those girls who are always fainting at the sight of Justin Bieber's hair. As a 35-year-old professional with some vestiges of dignity, I keep it cool, but inside my heart is screaming, "OMG sooo exiteeed justin hold me retweet me impregnate me!!!" Or the emotional equivalent.

So Hard Done By

As a 35-year-old professional with some vestiges of dignity, I keep it cool, but inside my heart is screaming, "OMG sooo exiteeed justin hold me retweet me impregnate me!!!"

I have also walked past Gord's house because I wanted to see what it looked like (it looked like a house).

The Hip are my band. I own them. No doubt you own a band, too — probably acquired between the ages of 17 and 21, ample time being needed to get Billy Joel/MC Hammer/Bieber cleansed from your system. (If you like those performers, remember that music is a completely subjective endeavour that you still somehow got wrong.)

Occasionally, you share your band at a concert or a card game, but more often than not they're just yours. You criticize your band sometimes, because you love it, but if anyone else criticizes it, there's hell to pay.

Owning a good band keeps you young. Either it breaks up and your memories of it become frozen at that "final" age, or they stay together and you feel like time isn't passing at all.

Take the Hip: More time separates today from New Orleans is Sinking than separated New Orleans is Sinking from Let it Be. But when I listen to the Hip, it's hard to distinguish from how I felt when I was 17 or 27. It's not nostalgia, exactly — more like timelessness. That's a corny thing to say, I know, but my ownership of the Hip has been a long time running.

Now if you'll excuse me, I need to call my parents. I want to ask them the best way to clean the TV before I put my lips on it.

Our columnist's extreme love of the Tragically Hip has been a long time running. KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commuting by centipede

RICHARD VAN DER KLAAUW/METRO HOLLAND

Future transport

'Superbus' gets the green light

In a ceremony in Valkenburg, Netherlands, Holland's Minister of Infrastructure and Environment Melanie Schultz van Haegen on Tuesday attached registration plates to the Superbus, a Batmobile-style public transit vehicle that could whisk morning commuters off to work at super-fast speeds in the near future.

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Designer's view

"You can reach the Superbus by telephone or via an app on your smartphone. The bus brings you everywhere you want to go."

Superbus designer and former Dutch astronaut Wubbo Ockels
After getting the green light from the Dutch government as a road-worthy vehicle, the Superbus will now undergo a further two years of development and testing of the prototype.

Plans for development

Need for speed

A ride with the Superbus will not cost you more than a second-class train ticket. The first route, which still has to be built, will connect the cities Heereveen and Groningen. When the route will be ready is still unclear. All Dutch highways will have to add an extra high-speed lane on which the bus can travel up to 210 kilometres per hour.

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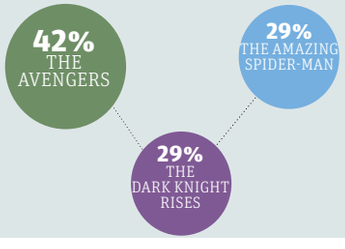

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Bio adaptation

Sorkin to focus on Apple after Facebook film

Aaron Sorkin is going from Facebook to Apple. Sony Pictures officials say the Oscar-winning writer will write a screenplay based on the Steve Jobs biography. Sony Pictures co-chairman Amy Pascal says Sorkin will make the film about the late Apple founder "everything that Jobs himself was: captivating, entertaining and polarizing."
Sorkin won the adapted screenplay Academy Award for 2010's The Social Network. The 50-year-old writer was nominated in the same category for 2011's Moneyball.
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On the web

Finale of Desperate Housewives brings 11 million viewers to ABC on Sunday

Lego, hula hoops and clay, oh my!

Patrons enjoy the Calgary International Children's Festival's Olympic Plaza site activities. JEFF YEE

Children's Festival. More than a dozen youth-focused theatre groups and artists to take part this year

BACKSTAGE PASS
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Each year, the Calgary International Children's Festival attracts hundreds of families to the Epcor Centre of the Performing Arts.

They come to see companies from across Canada, the United States and Europe perform some of the most creative, inspiring and educational theatre in the world.

More than a dozen youth-focused theatre groups and artists will take part in the 2012 edition of Kids' Fest, which kicks off May 22 and runs through May 26 in the Arts Centre and Olympic Plaza.

About 600 volunteers ensure the festival runs smoothly, but there is one man who must make sure all the proper elements are in place before the event even starts.

Gavin Shaw is site manager for the Children's Fest, and it's his job to create a fun, safe environment for kids and their families who take part in the festival's free outdoor activities.

"A lot of my job is dealing with the City of Calgary," he explains.

"That means roadway allocation, getting a building permit, setting up with Parks and Waterworks to make sure they're on the same page. It's a lot of coordinating with city departments," he explains.

"There are certain rules that change from season to season that we want to keep abreast of so that no one is making anyone angry."

Apart from keeping track of ever-changing bylaws and sorting through paperwork, Shaw also chooses what he thinks are the best activities for youngsters in the outdoor area.

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"They are, for the most part, simple activities that kids should grow up playing," he explains.

"Clay, Lego, hula hoops and roundballs ... Children have to use their imaginations to play with them. They're not video games and they're not straightforward activities like that."

Another important part of Shaw's job is dealing with issues that may arise, such as being informed at the last minute that the Olympic Plaza pool won't be filled because of ongoing improvements to the Plaza.

"On hot days, kids would take their shoes off and go splashing through it," he says.

"So I had to figure out what to do with that big space. With a little quick thinking, I decided I'm going to dump out a whole bunch of sidewalk chalk and let the kids go crazy on the pool pad. It's something that all kids should remember from growing up."

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Robert Pattinson lights up the screen in Cronenberg flick

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David Cronenberg talks Cosmopolis. Canadian director discusses latest film, and raves about the Twilight heartthrob's performance

JÉRÔME VERMELIN
Metro World News in Cannes

A few months after squaring off Freud and Jung in A Dangerous Method, Canadian director David Cronenberg is back with Cosmopolis. The adaptation of Don DeLillo's novel follows the adventures of young businessman Erick Packer as he makes his way around New York in a limousine — a journey that is packed with violence and sex. No one comes out unharmed. Alongside Twilight heartthrob Robert Pattinson, we find Paul Giamatti, Samantha Morton and two French actors, Juliette Binoche and Mathieu Amalric. The winner of the Special Jury Prize in 1996 for Crash and a hopeful again this year with Cosmopolis, Cronenberg speaks to Metro before the film's premiere on May 25.

How did you go about adapting Don Lillo's novel?
DC: "I wrote the script in six days. The first three days I re-transcribed the entire dialogue. The following three, I added descriptions for each scene. The monologues going on in Packer's mind I made into visuals. I am incredibly excited about this film and even more so Pattinson's performance."

Choosing to cast Robert Pattinson in the lead role may have come as a bit of a shock for some of your fans…
DC: "Rob is a wonderful actor and I think he will surprise more than a few. Because he's young, handsome and the star of the Twilight Saga, some people have come to the unfair conclusion that he is a bad actor. I am well aware of that. But I can assure you that he is incredible and a very hard worker. I can't wait to work with him again. In fact, I even told him I would love to cast him alongside Viggo Mortensen in the future."

Have any celebrities contacted you directly to ask if they could work with you?
DC: "Most of the time they tell their agent to tell my agent they want to work with me. Sometimes I ask to work with an actor without knowing if they have ever seen one of my films. That was the case with Rob. It just so happened he was very familiar with some of my work. On set (for Cosmopolis) I remember he and Juliette Binoche getting into deep conversations about obscure French films. He's a film fanatic."

Lights, camera, Cannes! Artistic director's film selection savvy

Cannes artistic director Thierry Frémaux reveals to Metro the key to successfully executing every film enthusiasts' dream job.

In a few words, describe what your job as artistic director entails?
TF: "The most important task is coming up with the final selection. We see hundreds and hundreds of films, but we can only keep 50/60 per cent of them. We are also aware that our selection needs to be coherent and approved within the industry. And the rest of the time, well, we are busy putting together the world's biggest film festival."

Does the job require any key diplomatic skills?
TF: "Human qualities are enough. The same you need to get by in everyday life! Otherwise, appreciating other people's opinion, the ability to admire someone else's work and having an open mind. I also think you need to lead the life of an athlete and prioritize focus, sleep and diet."

Being a film lover yourself, do you sometimes have to make concessions when it comes to your personal likes and dislikes in the industry?
TF: "No, there are no concessions to make. My job isn't about choosing what I like and refusing what I don't like, it's about making the best possible selection. I could tell you about lots of films I loved that did not make it through to the final selection."

Can you imagine your life without the Cannes Film Festival?
TF: "I worked in Cannes long before getting this job. For me, this time of year has always been special. Now it's exceptionally special."

As a teenager, how did you imagine the festival to be like?
TF: "As something extraordinary. Not for the glittery, celebrity side of it all but for its amazing history and cinematic diversity."

And now, how do you see it?
TF: "As a privilege."
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ADAM LAMBERT

Adam Lambert isn't coming off American Idol or a racy American Music Awards performance, nor is he declaring his sexuality in Rolling Stone or posing with a nude model in Details magazine. The 30-year-old glam rocker doesn't mind the lack of a media thunderstorm ahead of Tuesday's launch of his sophomore album: He relishes the element of surprise. Lambert is hoping to achieve it with Trespassing, on which he teamed up with the likes of Bruno Mars, Pharrell Williams and Dr. Luke.

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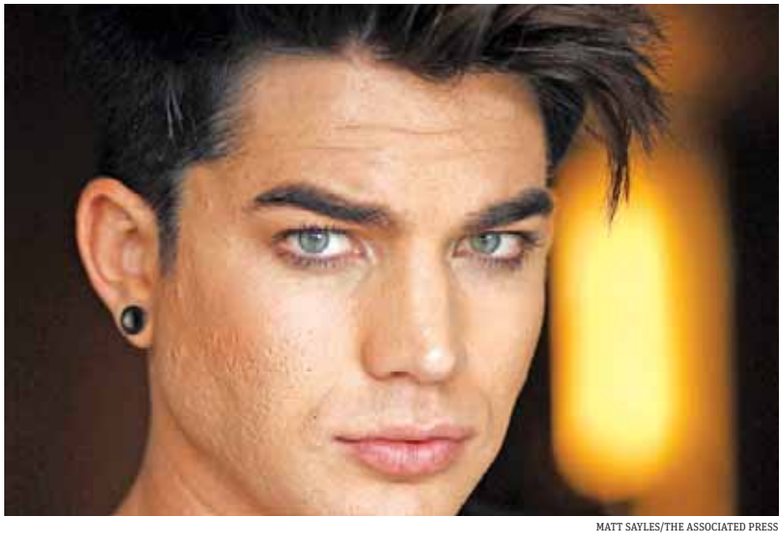

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What's it been like for you over the past year after the Idol maelstrom died down?
Lambert: In that time, I fell in love (with Finnish Big Brother winner Sauli Koskinen), which is great. I have an amazing relationship. I also got to spend a lot more time with my friends and family.

Over the past year, besides taking time to write and record the album, I've had a lot of downtime, which has been really nice to live a real life again — or what seems like one — and I think that really informed my writing process and experience making the album. I was writing from a place with a little more perspective.

How did that affect your creative process?
Lambert: Coming back to real life was a bit of shock. You kind of have to decompress, and I had some failed romantic situations, and I was a bit tired and worn out, so at the beginning of the writing process, there was some darkness I was working through, which was great. It was real. It was visceral.

Then, I got in my relationship, I started relaxing and having more time to myself with my friends and wanting to go out again — shopping, rediscovering culture and life.

What's dating been like for you now that you're in the public eye?
Lambert: Dating while famous is a different animal. It's a different set of challenges. It's a new reality. It makes you potentially more desirable to this, that and the other person, but you also have to deal with, "Does this person have ulterior motives? What is the real reason for the attraction?"

There's all sorts of other layers, and for someone like me who thinks far too much and is neurotic, that can get a little maddening after a while.

You're a visual performer on par with Lady Gaga and Katy Perry. Did you think about that kind of thing when you were writing and recording?
Lambert: It's part of it. I come from the performing arts. I have all my life. Being on stage is part of what makes me tick and is my inspiration. When I created a lot of these songs, I would think of the visuals in my head: "How would I stage this? What would the music video look like? What would I wear? What colours are going on? What things are happening?" Some people create a soundtrack in their head, but I create a movie in my head to my soundtrack.

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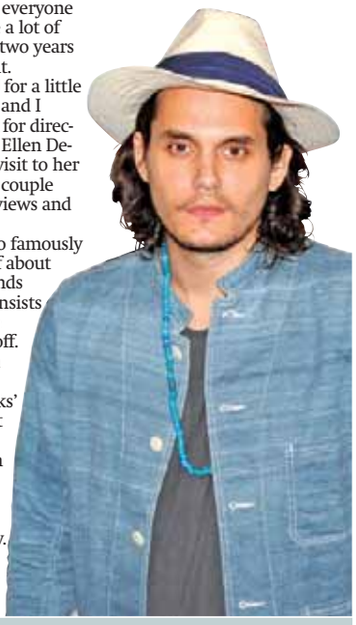


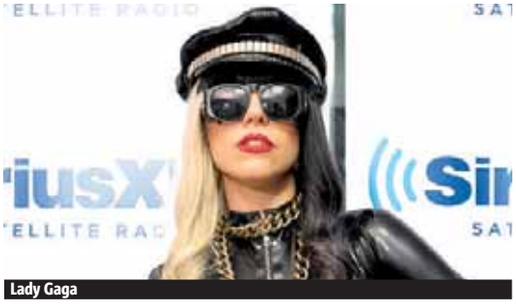
John Mayer wants everyone to know he's done a lot of growing up in his two years out of the spotlight.

"I lost my head for a little while. I lost touch and I didn't want to ask for directions," Mayer tells Ellen DeGeneres during a visit to her talk show. "I did a couple really dumb interviews and it woke me up."

The singer, who famously shot his mouth off about famous ex-girlfriends and racial issues, insists he's calmed in the intervening time off. "I think back then I would have said, 'Give me two weeks' or like, 'Let me get out and do Ellen and let me explain myself," Mayer says.

"It was like, 'No, idiot. Go away. Be 33 and 34 instead of 28 for the fourth year.'"

Gaga banned from performing in Jakarta



Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga has been denied a permit to perform in the city of Jakarta, according to E! News.

The singer was reportedly banned from Indonesia all together after an outpouring of criticism from Islamic activists, but a spokesperson for the Indonesian national police would only confirm that she would not be allowed to go ahead with her scheduled show on June 3. Officials pulled the permit out of fear that they would not be able to control protesters at the event. Lady Gaga's rep has yet to comment.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Forgive us, Miley Cyrus

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It seems we owe Miley Cyrus an apology. While we were rooting against her as rumours circled that she might land a spot at the X Factor judges table, she was busy being an adult with a real life and rescuing dogs.

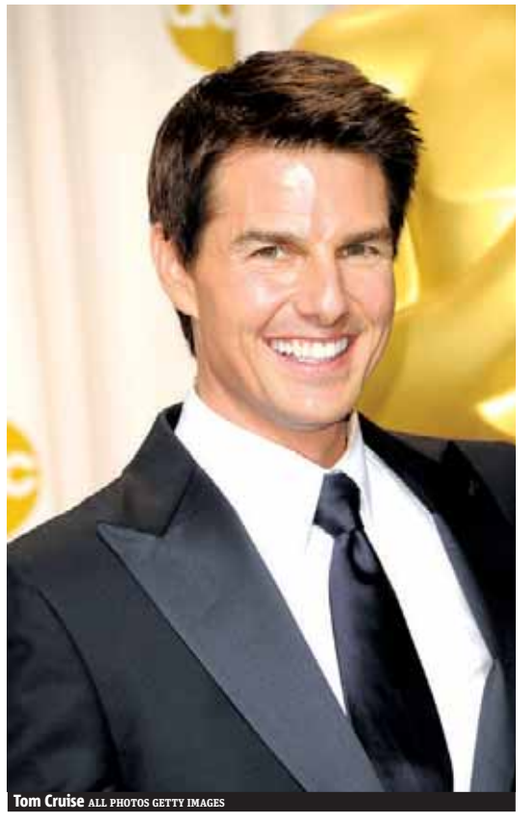
Earlier this month, the starlet brought home Happy, a beagle mix who was left outside a Walmart, and over the weekend she added a fifth rescue pup, Mary Jane, to her collection.

"Meet the newest addition to our family Mary Jane," Cyrus tweeted. "I love rescuing."

And apparently, Cyrus' dogs live — and sleep — pretty comfortably.

"As all my dogs jumped on my face the first words out of my mouth this morning ... 'I am living my dream life,'" she tweeted later.

Miley, we have to admit, we seriously underestimated your idea of a dream life with Mary Jane. Consider this your summer get-out-of-the-gossip-column-free pass — and tell your girl Lindsay about our limited-time deal.



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Tom's OK with the haters

Tom Cruise has gotten over his couch-jumping period, but he's not mad at other people for dwelling on his past moments of erratic behaviour.

"Do I make mistakes? Yeah. I don't care who you are, life has challenges," Cruise tells Playboy magazine. "I remember as a kid I wanted an adventurous life, and I've gotten it. So if someone judges me harshly, it's OK. I don't even judge them harshly for doing it."

Lawsuits not over for Travolta

Although the first man to accuse John Travolta of sexual battery dropped his lawsuit, he's since hired another attorney, and it's none other than the high-profile civil rights lawyer Gloria Allred.

"I represent John Doe No. 1. Mr. Doe's lawsuit was dismissed without prejudice which means that he is still legally entitled to file another lawsuit against John Travolta if he chooses. We are in the process of conferring with him regarding the next steps which he may wish to take," Allred said in a statement.

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Style in brief

Simpson to launch maternity line

Brand-new mother Jessica Simpson is launching a line of clothing for moms-to-be. With it all still fresh in her mind, the 31-year-old singer-actress, who gave birth to daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson on May 1, announced Monday a partnership between Camuto Group, the master licensee behind her label, and retailer Destination Maternity. The clothes, with a hint of a 1970s vibe, will be in stores in the fall.

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On the web

Combatting chlorine: Wet hair, damp skin can leave swimmers feeling dry

Six summer updates for your beauty cabinet

We talk to a makeup artist and facialist to discover the skin and makeup products you'll need to get you through months of pore-clogging summer heat

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The facialist: Una Brennan

Una Brennan's famous clients include the always luminous Sienna Miller

SkinCeuticals CE Ferulic, $146, skinceuticals.co.uk
"This is such a powerful antioxidant serum. Not only does it protect and repair the skin from external aggressors, it helps stimulate collagen for more youthful looking skin. I never go a day without it and believe everyone should use a topical vitamin C antioxidant in this form."

Clarisonic, Opal Sonic Infusion, $185, clarisonic.com
"This is fantastic for kick-starting under eye lymph drainage, which is a massive bonus for those who suffer from puffy eyes or dark circles. It also helps your eye cream penetrate the skin more easily. Perfect after a late night out."

Epicuren Acidophilus Probiotic Facial Cream, $22, epicuren.com
"Perfect for even the most sensitive skin. My favorite moisturizer for calming redness and inhibiting breakouts, this cream will make your skin clear and glowing."

The makeup artist: Francesca Tolot

Tolot has worked on the perma-flawless Beyoncé Knowles.

Chanel, Illusion d'Ombre Eyeshadow in Illusoire, $36, chanel.com
"Even in balmy temperatures, this eyeshadow won't crease and cake up on the eyelids or cause uncomfortable powdery heaviness.

The taupe shade is a universal colour that adds depth to the look in your eyes."

NARS Blush Bronzer Trio in Laguna, Albatross and Orgasm, $63, narscosmetics.com
"When it's hot and humid your face doesn't need to be smothered in makeup. Unless you have bad skin, avoid heavy foundation in the summer. This palette is the perfect alternative to foundation if you want extra shimmer."

Dior Vernis in Nirvana, $23, dior.com
"Summertime means exposed hands and toes, so you need to get the color right. I love darker, vibrant shades (even in summer!) as they look beautiful on anyone but for something a bit more out there, I love the turquoise Dior Vernis Nirvana. It's a colour that requires commitment, but it's worth the risk."

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Look for the whole duck in the freezer section of the grocery store and let it thaw completely in the refrigerator for about 24 hours before use.

Ingredients

- 1 King Cole whole duck, about 5 lbs/2.5 kg
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb (500 g) button mushrooms, quartered
- 1 each red and green bell peppers, chopped
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dried oregano
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried basil
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) dry red wine
- 1 can (28 oz/796 mL) diced tomatoes

1. Trim excess skin and fat from duck and reserve for another use. Cut duck into 6 pieces and remove backbone for another use. Sprinkle salt and pepper all over duck pieces.

2. Heat large shallow Dutch oven over medium high heat and brown duck on both sides. Remove to plate. Remove all but 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the rendered fat in the saucepan.

3. In same pot, over medium high heat, cook onion, garlic, mushrooms, peppers, oregano and basil for about 15 minutes or until vegetables are beginning to brown. Pour in wine and stir vegetables to deglaze pan. Add tomatoes and bring to boil.

4. Return duck to pot. Reduce heat, and simmer covered for about 1 hour and 15 minutes or until duck is falling off the bone. Uncover and cook for 15 minutes to thicken the sauce slightly.

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Duck Cacciatore

This recipe serves four to six people. EMILY RICHARDS

Cookbook of the Week

Gourmet Italian: All-Time Favourite Recipes

It's no secret that Canadians are in love with Italian food. Over the years, Gourmet magazine helped shape tastes and expand repertoires from pizza and spaghetti to risotto and panna cotta.

For this sterling collection, the magazine's editors chose their best from the hundreds of Italian recipes published over the years. Most are perfect for easy entertaining and include: Calamari Salad, Quick Chicken Ragu, Lasagna Bolognese and luscious Tiramisu.

Each recipe comes with cooking times and kitchen tips. **METRO**

Pancetta cream sauce: The ideal spring taste

This recipe serves two. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

A light mild creamy sauce cloaks each strand of pasta and makes a simple and quick springtime favourite. Team this dish with fresh local asparagus.

A fresh sprinkling of chopped fresh basil or parsley will give a new zip of colour and flavour too if you have some in the garden or fridge!

Pancetta is Italian bacon that is cured but unsmoked. It is available by the piece or deli sliced at supermarkets.

Ingredients

- 175 g (6 oz) linguini
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each chopped garlic and shallots
- 90 g (3 oz) pancetta, diced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) white wine
- 250 ml (1 cup) 35% whipping cream
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- Salt and pepper
- Freshly grated Parmesan cheese

1. In pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta 10 mins. or until tender; drain well and return to pot.

2. In skillet, melt butter over medium heat; add garlic and shallots, and sauté for 1 minute or until lightly browned.

3. Add pancetta and sauté 5 minutes or until starting to get crispy. Add wine; bring to boil and stir until most of the liquid has evaporated.

4. Stir in cream and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer gently, stirring often, 3 minutes. or until slightly thickened. Stir cream mix and eggs into pasta; return to low heat for 2 minutes while tossing to coat. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ GAY LEA BUTTER/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

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3. On one half of each pastry round, place 2 stacked half slices of salami, 2 quarter slices of turkey, 1 slice bocconcini cheese, and one-quarter each of the roasted red pepper and chopped basil. Season with pepper.

4. Brush edges of pastry with beaten egg. Fold pastry over filling to create a half-moon shape. Gently press edges together and crimp with a fork. Brush tops lightly with beaten egg.

5. Bake 15 minutes or until pastry is golden. Let pies rest for 10 minutes before serving. **THE CANADIAN PRESS/ TENDERFLAKE**

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- 4 slices deli oven-roasted turkey, cut into quarters
- 2 small bocconcini, each cut into 4 slices
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) roasted red pepper, finely chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped basil
- Freshly ground pepper
- 1 egg, beaten

The poster child of style

Starting an art collection? Poster art has moved far beyond the teenager's bedroom and into the realm of high design

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Wanting to start curating your own art collection at home? An inexpensive and easy way to start is with vintage (and new) posters.

Vintage posters are highly collectable and can be found at yard sales, through online dealers and vintage book shops, whereas new posters are available at a multitude of online retailers and in store.

"Vintage posters are a great way for someone to foray into the collector's world; posters can easily be sent around the world in shipping tubes and there are a multitude of graphics to choose from," says Troy Seidman of Caviar20.com, a 20th century art and design online boutique.

What's hot: For the past few years, people have gravitated toward collecting vintage posters with themes of wine, spirits and food. With the anticipated Olympics this summer, many collectors are focusing on travel and sport-related posters. Always popular poster themes are foreign language, superheroes and classic movie posters.

How to buy: A vintage poster can cost $50 to $1,000 depending on condition, age and availability whereas a new poster can cost $5 to $200, depending on the size, printing process and paper stock.

Most posters ordered online are shipped in a protective cardboard tube, with the framing left to the buyer.

When shopping for a vintage poster, it's best to let the seller know what themes you are interested in buying so they can put together a tightly curated collection of options for you to choose from; that way you won't become overwhelmed with all the images and themes available.

World's Fair wall poster (new), hand-printed on museum-quality paper, unframed, 24-x-36 inches, $110 BEDBATHANDBEYOND.CA

Sources: For 20th-century collectable posters, check out caviar20.com; they've got a great selection of cultural and modern art posters. For new posters go to society6.com — there you'll find a great selection of superhero themes that can be ordered in a variety of sizes.

Most large home decor retailers like Bed Bath & Beyond have cashed in on poster art as a popular decor element and sell their favourites already framed. Keep in mind that these posters may look vintage but you'll have to wait a long time before they gain collectable status.

If buying posters at auction or yard sales, make sure to do a good inspection for fading, fold lines, rips and tape marks, as any of these will decrease the collectable value.

Any poster with an original artist signature is a must-buy, no matter what the condition.

A collectable poster can be inspiration for decorating an entire room. CONTRIBUTED

Frame it

As most posters are sold unframed, it'll be up to you to protect your new art by framing it appropriately.

Think simple; people tend to over-frame posters with large, very ornate frames as if they were 200-year-old Italian paintings. This takes away from the poster itself and most often looks out of place. A clean-lined dark stained or black wood frame usually does the best job. For large posters, ask about plexi-plastic front rather than glass; although it scratches easier than glass, plexi is lightweight and shatter-proof.

Shown is the First Avenger (new), gallery-quality giclee print on cotton paper, 20-x-26 inches with walnut frame $68 SOCIETY6.COM

Let there be light

Easy fixes for everyday household dilemmas

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Dear Charles the butler: Having recently retired from 30 years in the hotel industry (sales), I truly believe in proper etiquette and good customer service.

Today I have two questions:

1. How would you recommend cleaning fabric lampshades?

2. Any ideas on how to prevent clothes from getting caught in fitted sheets in the dryer?

Wishing you continued success,
Mary

Dear Mary,

Thank you for your kind words! The first question is easy — cloth lampshades should be cleaned with a soft vacuum brush attachment.

Remember that dust attracts grease, so vacuum them often to keep them dust-free. I would say to clean them monthly.

Now, your second question is a great one — but unfortunately I have no answer for it.

I hope that some reader out there may have the answer and if so, please write in and tell me your thoughts so that I can learn and help everyone along the way.

Warm wishes,
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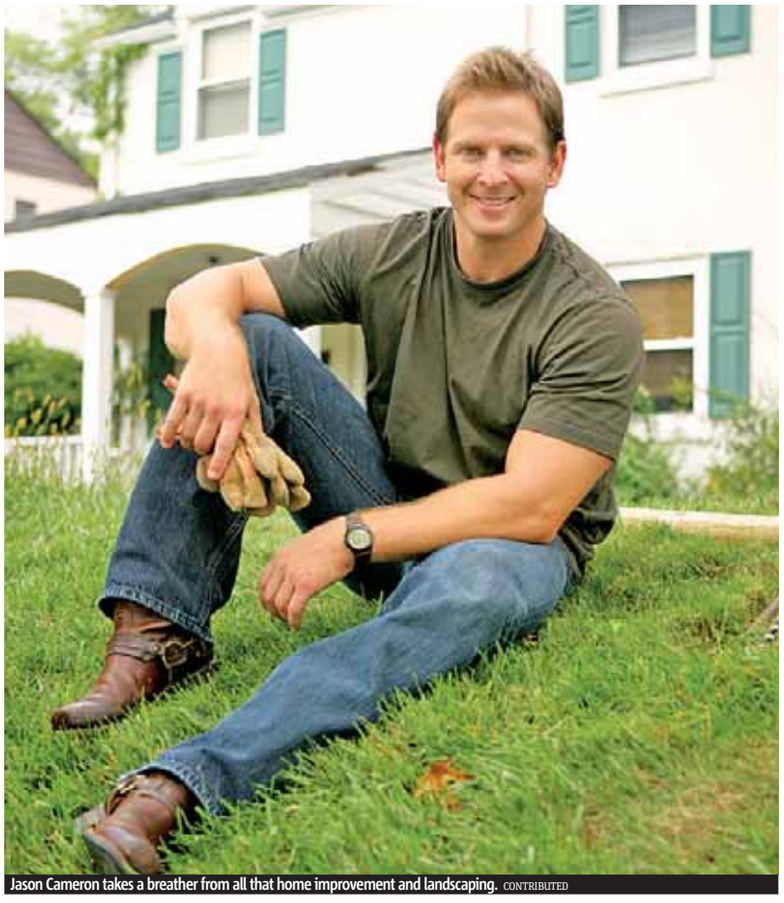

Jason Cameron takes a breather from all that home improvement and landscaping. CONTRIBUTED

From landscaping loser to garden guru

DIY ideas. It's all about curb appeal —turn your wild yard into an outdoor showcase you can be proud of

It's officially time to begin planting and bringing your outdoor space back to life. Licensed contractor Jason Cameron saves homeowners from the embarrassment of having the worst lawn on the block in Desperate Landscapes.

Make sure neighbours don't call you out on your approach to lawn care (or lack thereof) by using some of Jason's advice when starting your garden landscaping this year.

Put together a plan

Planning your outdoor space can save you from feeling overwhelmed at the garden store where there are flowers, shrubs and trees aplenty. Be aware of the amount of sun exposure, weather habits, and type of soil in your yard so that you arrive at the garden store prepared. Garden store experts will be more than happy to offer advice about what plants will flourish in your yard.

Think about the placement of walkways and seating areas and be sure to incorporate a plan for lighting, as well-placed lights create a beautiful evening atmosphere and can highlight new foliage.

Lay the groundwork

It is very important to prepare soil before planting. Rent a ground tiller from a home improvement store if you don't already own one and use it to break up existing soil. Once completed, add a new layer of composite soil and then return to the tiller to mix the two soils together — the soil is now ready for planting.

If you've decided to create some new walkways, lay landscaper's fabric over these new areas to prevent weed growth and use metal staples to secure it to the ground. Place pathway rocks over top of the fabric and spread them around using a shovel until there is about a two-inch depth.

Planting time

Now that the ground is ready, it's time to highlight walkways and seating areas with vegetation. Place shrubs and flowers in planter boxes (if using) before actually planting to explore different formations and colour combinations. For variety, surround tall plants with cascading plants such as vines.

Once you have decided on their locations, dig appropriate-sized holes for each plant. Carefully remove plants from their pots, loosen their roots, place them in the hole and surround with dirt to straighten and secure.

Loosely spread some cedar mulch on any exposed soil around the plants as this will help the soil retain moisture and add nutrients to help them grow. The same approach can be used whether using planter boxes or planting directly in the ground.

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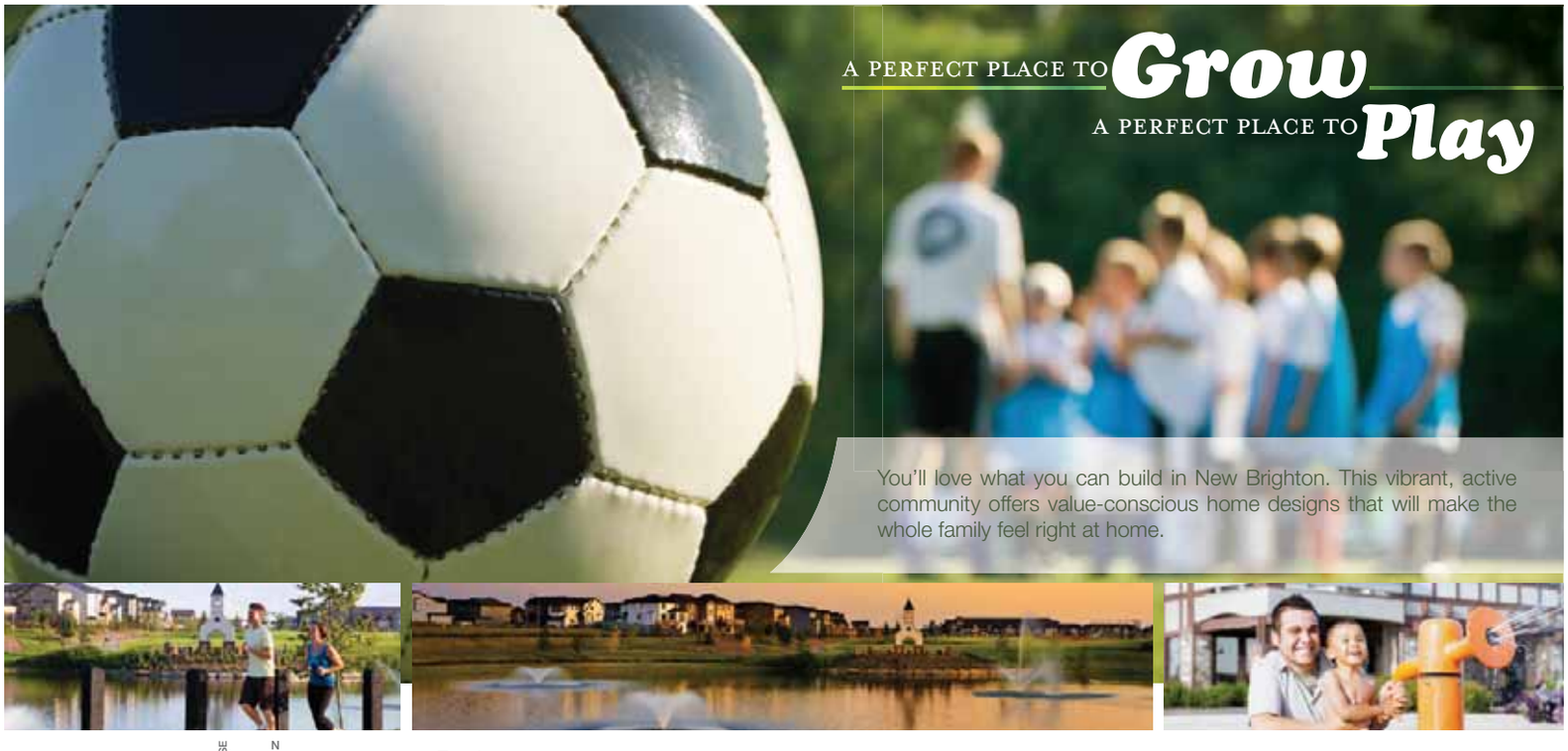
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Need some zen? Fight urban angst with a vertical garden

Summer project. A tall pallet garden makes the most of tiny city backyards — here's how to get yours started

RACHEL VIGODA
life@metronews.ca

Outdoor space is hard to come by in a city, but you don't need a sprawling lawn to spruce up your home with plants and flowers. Instead of gardening out, garden up.

With vertical gardening, you plant on a wooden pallet or metal panel, then attach it to a wall or prop it up against a deck or balcony railing.

"If you can wake up in the morning and look out at what was previously a brick wall and is now full of green living plants, it changes your whole outlook on the day," says Curt Alexander, owner of Urban Jungle, a vertical landscaping company and garden centre in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The trick, he says, is to arrange the plants so they all get enough light, which means making sure bigger ones don't throw a shadow on the little guys.

"Most types of plants, flowers, veggies and herbs will work," adds David Prendergast of Greensgrow, an urban farm in Pennsylvania.

Here's how to make your own pallet vertical garden:

1. Get a pallet. "You can dumpster-dive, find one on the street, go to any [store]," says Prendergast. "They're readily available."

Chemically-treated pallets, which are painted in colours, shouldn't be used for vegetables.

2. Attach landscape fabric to the back of the pallet by stapling it all along the edges, placing the staples an inch or two apart.

3. Snake a soaker hose (made of permeable rubber, so water will seep through and get distributed evenly) along the back of the pallet.

4. Lay the pallet down and fill the spaces with soil, two-thirds of the way full.

5. Plant your plants. About 32 plants should fill the pallet.

6. Leave the pallet flat for two weeks to give the plants time to "get established," Prendergast says.

Make sure it's near where you want it to wind up, because it will be heavy.

7. Stand it up and attach it to a wall or balcony railing.

8. Enjoy your new green wall.

Tip: Keep the bugs at bay

Incorporate mountain mint and marigolds into your pallet. Mountain mint wards off mosquitoes, and the scent of marigolds deters other bugs.

Flowers, veggies and herbs are ideal for vertical gardens. CONTRIBUTED

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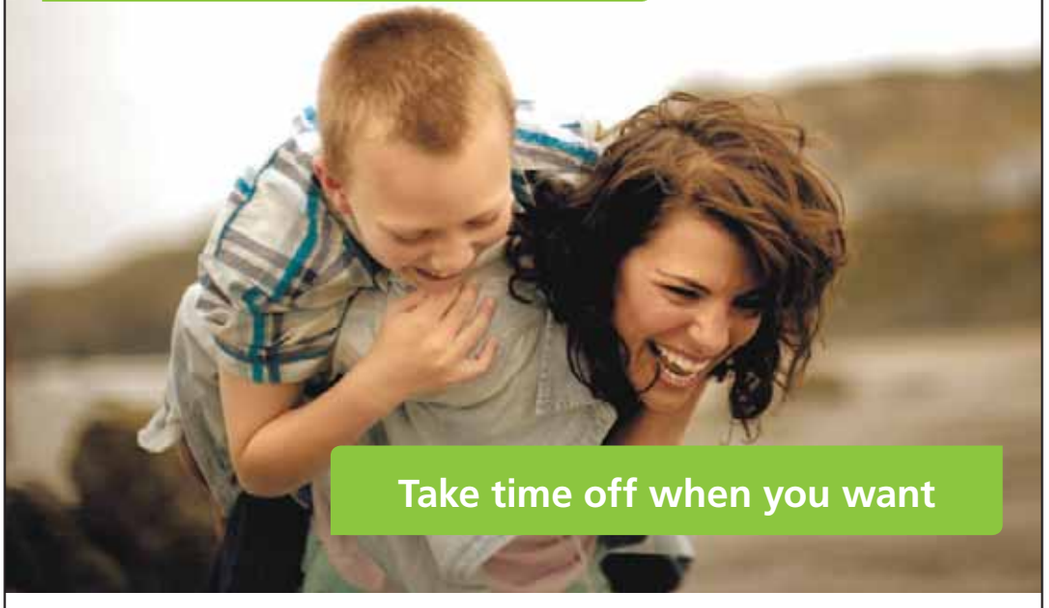

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Start season with a bang

Victoria Day. Here's how to celebrate the long weekend with a crowning success of a party

Summer is a time to kick back in the backyard for a party with some friends. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

Saying happy birthday to a Queen is a royal reason to have your first party of the season and this year, Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee is the ideal theme, says Pia Wiesen, who owns Pia's in Orangeville, Ont., and loves to entertain.

"I would be sure that diamonds sparkled up the invite somehow."

Celebrating all things regal should continue as guests arrive, says Julie Albert, co-author with her sister Lisa Gnat, of Bite Me Too. You could have waving (dollar store) Union Jack flags in your outdoor planters, red, white and blue (Christmas) lights decorating the post and railing of your deck, "British" music playing such as The Clash singing London Calling, and the offer of a mixed cocktail such as a Big Ben!

"Something lighthearted always puts your guests at ease … automatically they're having a good time!"

Start the party outside, says Wiesen, and if the weather is on the cool side have a patio firepit or fire bowl that guests can congregate around. Add citronella candles or torches to keep the bugs away and spray-on sunscreen for those who want it, and everyone should stay comfortable.

If your party starts early enough, invite guests to play no-skills-required lawn games such as Frisbee, badminton or croquet.

A buffet-style dinner is the way to go — and it moves indoors easily if need be. Don't use your fancy dishes, says Albert. Instead, set the table ahead with a table cloth, sturdy plastic dishes, and red, white and blue napkins.

WHAT'S FOR DINNER

Wiesen suggests a dinner that focuses on a selection of salads that you can prepare ahead. Serve with sliced, oven-roasted beef tenderloin, a basket of fresh bread, and a bottle of rosé. Here are three salad recipes.

1 **Salad Nicoise:** On a platter, arrange greens, small cooked potatoes, chopped eggs, tomatoes cut into wedges, and olives. Top with sliced seared salmon or tuna. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

2 **Seasonal Asparagus:** Steam asparagus and put it on a platter with a small bowl of Hollandaise or mayonnaise mixed with chives. Arrange thinly sliced prosciutto on the side. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

3 **Pia's Caprese Style Salad:** Cut tomatoes and Buffalo mozzarella cheese into bite-sized wedges. Arrange on a platter and top with sliced red onions, finely chopped garlic and fresh thyme. Cover and refrigerate. To serve, drizzle with olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

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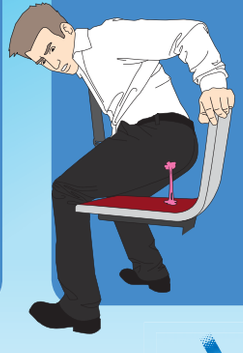

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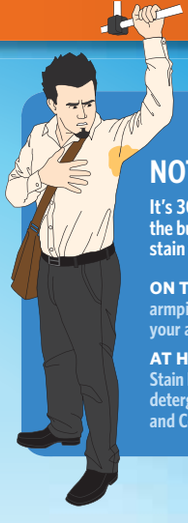

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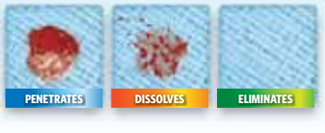

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Fireworks are a long weekend tradition

ASTRID VAN DEN BROEK
For Metro

On the cusp of Canada's first long weekend of the summer season, many people are getting their summer traditions ready for "May Two-Four" or the May long weekend — think beer, barbecues, camping and, of course, fireworks for the annual celebration of Queen Victoria's Birthday.

Marking the long weekend, which is celebrated the Monday before May 24, there are a number of events across the country in which to enjoy. However, if you would rather skip the crowds and launch fireworks at home with family and friends, remember safety is key when lighting fireworks, says Sean Morris, president of Niagara Falls, Ont.-based Firemaster Productions and vice-president of the Canadian Fireworks Association.

"First, always follow the manufacturer's instructions that come with the fireworks," says Morris. "Also, always wear safety glasses and have a good-sized pail of water beside you."

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) also suggests selecting a site that's fairly open and free of obstruction for fireworks, not allow children to shoot off fireworks, launching fireworks from a pail or box that is half-filled with sand or earth, and keep spectators at least 20 metres away.

NRCan also notes that if fireworks have misfired, don't attempt to relight them — instead, wait half an hour and then put them in a bucket of water to cool off.

Best for ooohs and aaahs

Family packs of fireworks are the most popular for at-home fireworks enthusiasts.

"These often have tube-type fireworks, so the big ones that break in the sky," says Sean Morris, president of Niagara Falls, Ont.-based Firemaster Productions and vice-president of the Canadian Fireworks Association. "The standard roman candle, and a 'barrage,' which is a pack of roman candles together." A popular firework that has taken over the market for the last seven to eight years is a "cake," says Morris. "It's a multi-shot device that has anywhere from 15 to 100 shots in it."

A pool party is one way to keep things fun during the summer. JUPITERIMAGES/BRAND X PICTURES/THINKSTOCK

How to be cool with these pool party tips

Spontaneity. It will feel like the dock at a cottage ... but in your own backyard

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

Sometimes the best pool party happens spontaneously, says Meagan Richardson of the Pool and Hot Tub Council of Canada.

"When I wake up and it's a beautiful day," says Richardson, who has a large L-shaped pool in her backyard in Mississauga, Ont., "I send a text to all my friends and start planning food and beverages."

For your last-minute pool party, here's what you need to do.

1 Decorate if you have time, with Tiki torches, patio lanterns and inflatable palm trees.

2 Set up citronella candles to keep bugs away.

3 Prepare "beach" music on your iPod in advance ... think artists such as the Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett and Bob Marley.

4 Stock up on lots of ice for drinks.

5 Give your guests a specific start time for the party — and also an end time if that's important to you.

6 Ask guests to bring a towel, but have extras around, too.

7 Suggest guests bring long-sleeved cover-ups.

8 If kids are coming, be sure to have a designated lifeguard or babysitter.

9 Identify a change area — a cabana in the backyard or a bathroom inside.

10 Be sure there is lots of shade available — trees, an overhead awning or umbrellas.

11 Put sunblock out for your guests.

12 Stock up on pool games such as a water volleyball set.

13 Set up a buffet table and keep it filled with snacks such as tortilla chips and salsa, pita and hummus and even chilled gazpacho and bread.

14 Set out plastic plates and glasses for around the pool — no glass allowed.

15 Remind everyone to be responsible if they are drinking alcohol.

16 Keep a pitcher of cold water on the buffet table along with other non-alcoholic choices.

17 Keep lunch or dinner casual — burgers, sausages or hotdogs on the barbecue. Add a couple of easy summer salads ... everyone will love it.

18 Put a few garbage receptacles out.

19 Have several side tables for drinks and food.

20 Alert the neighbours about your pool party — better yet, invite them.

Pool rules

Pool & Hot Tub Council of Canada provides these guidelines to help make backyard swimming pools as safe as possible.

- Adult supervision is mandatory when children are swimming.
- Encourage swimming lessons and first aid instruction for all family members.
- Keep pool chemicals in a locked area away from children and pets.
- Encourage walking — no running — around the poolside.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Be responsible when alcohol is on the menu.
- Post "no diving" signs if you have an above-ground pool and in the shallow end of in-ground pools.
- Keep rescue equipment (pole, rope) and a first aid kit nearby.
- Post safety rules.

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SPORTS

NFL

Break-in comes after Seau's death

Junior Seau's home garage was burglarized days after the former NFL star's suicide, police said Wednesday.

The burglary occurred on May 7 police said. A $500 bicycle belonging to a friend of Seau's was stolen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Garnett leads way for Celtics in Game 3

Kevin Garnett scored 27 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, and used a dominant second quarter to help the Boston Celtics beat the Philadelphia 76ers 107-91 on Wednesday to take a 2-1 lead in their second-round series.
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Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett celebrate in Philadelphia.
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Cycling

Ferrari floors it in Giro Stage 11

Roberto Ferrari sprinted to his first Grand Tour stage win in the 255-kilometre 11th leg of the Giro d'Italia Wednesday, while Joaquin Rodriguez kept top spot.

Victoria's Ryder Hesjedal was 17 seconds back of the lead. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

"It was a long journey. It was a painful journey."

Larry Bird, who was voted NBA executive of the year Wednesday. He is the first person to be named the NBA's top executive, coach and MVP. Bird's Indiana Pacers finished third in the Eastern Conference at 42-24 and had struggled since a brawl in Detroit in 2004.

Devils notch tiebreaker in third, rally for victory

NHL. New Jersey sends Rangers to another Game 2 loss to even East finals at a game apiece

Game 2

3	2
Devils	Rangers

David Clarkson's goal 2:31 into the third period snapped a tie and lifted the New Jersey Devils to a 3-2 win over the New York Rangers that evened the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece on Wednesday night.

Clarkson built off the momentum created by Ryan Carter's goal late in the second period that tied the game, 2-2. Ilya Kovalchuk had given the Devils a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal in the first. Defenceman Bryce Salvador added two assists, and Martin Brodeur stopped 23 saves for the win.

"We had to keep going to the net, and I think we were doing some good things," Clarkson said. "We've been playing some good hockey and we've got to continue to do it. That is a big win for us."

Marc Staal and Chris Kreider scored in the second for the Rangers, who lost their third straight Game 2 after winning the series opener. Top-seeded New York, which had 24 saves by Henrik Lundqvist, hasn't had a two-game lead at any point in these playoffs.

New Jersey got even at 2-2 when Salvador wound up for a shot at the blue-line and fired a drive that Carter — with his back to the net — brilliantly deflected past Lundqvist with 1:51 left in the second. Marian Gaborik stood up straight in front of Salvador, but didn't drop down as many of his teammates have to try to block the shot. For that, he was pinned to the bench by coach John Tortorella, even through New York's power play in the third.

Gaborik returned to the ice with 8:40 remaining.

The Devils kept the pressure on the Rangers at the start of the third and wiped out the good work New York displayed in the second.

After spending much of the first penned in their own end, the Rangers rebounded to erase their early deficit on goals from Staal and Kreider.
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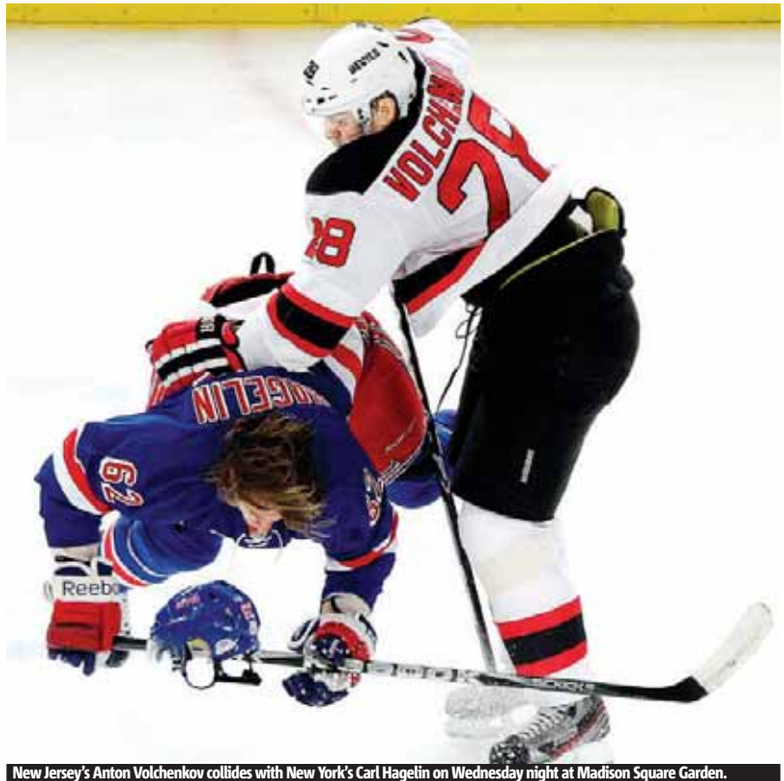

New Jersey's Anton Volchenkov collides with New York's Carl Hagelin on Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden.
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NHL playoffs

Coyotes' Hanzal to sit Game 3

The NHL suspended Phoenix Coyotes forward Martin Hanzal for one game on Wednesday for a hit on Los Angeles captain Dustin Brown in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals. The NHL announced the ban Wednesday, a day after Hanzal was assessed a major penalty and game misconduct for boarding at 11:01 of the third period in Game 2. Hanzal will miss Game 3 on Thursday night in Los Angeles. The Kings lead the series 2-0.
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NBA playoffs

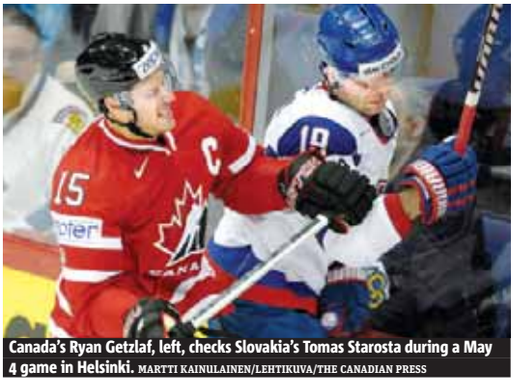
"It's what the playoffs are all about. At the end of the day, you've got to try to win on somebody else's floor."

LeBron James, whose Miami Heat head to Indiana for Game 3 Thursday night with the second-round series tied 1-1. The Pacers won Game 2 in Miami 78-75 on Tuesday night to take home-court advantage away from the Heat.

Mobile news

Lance Armstrong says "the 13-year question" of whether he used performance-enhancing drugs is over. Armstrong, who has never been caught doping, says he's finished talking about the allegations that have dogged his seven Tour de France titles. Scan the code for the story.

Canada looks to rise to occasion vs. Slovakia



Canada's Ryan Getzlaf, left, checks Slovakia's Tomas Starosta during a May 4 game in Helsinki. MARTTI KAINULAINEN/LEHTIKUVA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There was no sign of the mounting pressure.

As Canada moved into crunch time at the IIHF world hockey championship on Wednesday, it did so amid a calm, easy-going atmosphere in Helsinki. The players were put through a light skate ahead of Thursday's quarter-final against Slovakia but admitted after that the heat had been turned up ahead of a must-win game.

"You want to make your country proud," said goaltender Cam Ward. "You feel like Canada's going to be watching and you don't want to let them down. There's a lot of pressure to perform, but that pressure should bring the best out of you."

Quoted

"It's basically one game, anything can happen."

Zdeno Chara, captain of Team Slovakia.

The Slovaks find themselves unburdened, having already accomplished their goal of earning automatic entry to the 2014 Olympics by virtue of getting to the playoff round.

"It's a nice feeling," said captain Zdeno Chara. "(Qualifying for the Olympics) is something that is very important for Slovakia, for the people back home and obviously for the sport itself. We are not done yet."

Canada enters as the favourite, but has plenty of reason to be wary of its opponent.

The Slovaks were stingy in a matchup between the teams to open the tournament — Canada squeaked out a 3-2 victory — and they went on to win five straight games to complete the round robin.
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Oakland	19	19	.500	5
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Seattle	16	23	.410	8½

Last night's results
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Cleveland 9 Seattle 3
Minnesota 11 Detroit 7
Tampa Bay 2 Boston 1
Texas 4 Oakland 1
Baltimore at Kansas City
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 3
Baltimore 5 N.Y. Yankees 2
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Cleveland 5 Minnesota 0
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Kansas City 7 Texas 4
L.A. Angels 4 Oakland 0
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Oakland (McCarthy 3-3) at Texas (M.Harrison 4-3), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Matusz 2-4) at Kansas City (Hochevar 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 3-2) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 4-3), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hughes 3-4) at Toronto (Hutchison 2-1), 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 3-1) at Tampa Bay (M.Moore 1-3), 7:10 p.m.

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EAST DIVISION

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Washington	23	14	.622	—
Atlanta	23	15	.605	½
Miami	20	17	.541	3
New York	20	17	.541	3
Philadelphia	19	19	.500	4½

CENTRAL DIVISION

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St. Louis	21	15	.583	—
Cincinnati	19	17	.528	2
Pittsburgh	17	20	.459	4½
Houston	16	21	.432	5½
Milwaukee	16	21	.432	5½
Chicago	15	22	.405	6½

WEST DIVISION

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Los Angeles	24	13	.649	—
San Francisco	18	18	.500	5½
Arizona	16	22	.421	8½
Colorado	15	21	.417	8½
San Diego	14	24	.368	10½

Last night's results
Cincinnati 6 N.Y. Mets 3
Colorado 6 Arizona 1
Houston 8 Milwaukee 3
Miami 8 Atlanta 4
Philadelphia 9 Chicago Cubs 2
San Diego 4 L.A. Dodgers 2
Washington 7 Pittsburgh 4
St. Louis at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Arizona 5 L.A. Dodgers 1
Atlanta 6 Cincinnati 2
Colorado 5 San Francisco 4
Miami 6 Pittsburgh 2
Milwaukee 8 N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 4 Houston 3 (10 inn.)
San Diego 6 Washington 1
St. Louis 7 Chicago Cubs 6
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Cincinnati (Latos 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 5-1), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Cahill 2-4) at Colorado (Nicasio 2-1), 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 2-4) at San Francisco (M.Cain 2-2), 3:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 2-2) at Washington (Zimmermann 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Nolasco 4-1) at Atlanta (Beachy 4-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Marcum 2-1) at Houston (Happ 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Volstad 0-5), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Harang 2-2) at San Diego (Volquez 2-2), 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 8, YANKEES 1

N.Y. Yankees	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Grndrs cf	5	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	1	2	2
Swisher rf	4	0	0	0	Thams lf	4	1	1	0
Cano 2b	3	1	1	0	Bautist rf	3	2	1	1
AlRdrg 3b	3	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	4	1	3	3
Teixeir 1b	3	0	1	1	Lawrie 3b	4	1	0	0
Ibanez lf	3	0	1	0	Rasms cf	4	0	0	0
ErChvz dh	2	0	0	0	Arencii c	4	2	3	2
AnJons ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Lind dh	4	0	1	0
Martin c	3	0	0	0	Vizquel ss	3	0	0	0
J.Nix ss	2	0	0	0					
Wise ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**		**34**	**8**	**11** **8**

N.Y. Yankees					**000**	**001**	**000**	**1**	
Toronto					**023**	**110**	**10x**	**8**	

E—Cano (2). DP—New York 2. LOB—New York 9, Toronto 4. 2B—Cano (14), Thames (5), Arencibia (6). HR—K.Johnson (8), Bautista (9), Encarnacion (13), Arencibia (4). SB—Lawrie (6).

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kuroda L,3-5	5	8	7	7	2	6
Rapada	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Eppley	1 2-3	2	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Drabek W,3-4	7	3	1	1	4	5
L.Perez	1	0	0	0	2	2
Cordero	1	0	0	0	0	1

Kuroda pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
HBP—by Drabek (Ibanez).
Umpires—Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Dale Scott; Second, CB Bucknor; Third, Bill Miller.
T—2:45. A—28,915 (49,260) at Toronto.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	11	7	3	1	23	16	22
Kansas City	10	7	3	0	13	7	21
D.C.	13	6	4	3	22	16	21
Chicago	9	4	2	3	11	10	15
Houston	9	3	3	3	8	9	12
New England	10	4	6	0	12	13	12
Montreal	11	3	5	3	12	16	12
Columbus	9	3	4	2	8	11	11
Philadelphia	9	2	6	1	7	12	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	13	8	3	2	19	12	26
San Jose	11	7	2	2	22	12	23
Seattle	10	7	2	1	13	4	22
Vancouver	10	5	3	2	10	11	17
Colorado	11	5	6	0	15	14	15
Dallas	12	3	6	3	11	18	12
Los Angeles	10	3	5	2	12	15	11
Chivas USA	10	3	6	1	6	12	10
Portland	10	2	5	3	9	13	9

Last night's result
D.C. 2 Colorado 0
Tuesday's result
Portland 0 Houston 0
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Seattle at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Houston at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at D.C., 7:30 p.m.
New York at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Chicago at Portland, 7 p.m.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

(winner qualifies for CONCACAF Champions League)
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(total goals aggregate final)
Last night's result — First Leg
Toronto 1 Vancouver 1
Wednesday, May 23 — Second Leg
Vancouver at Toronto, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP-WTA ITALIAN OPEN

At Rome
Yesterday's results
Men's Singles — Second Round
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-1, 7-5.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 6-4, 6-1.
Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Janko Tipsarevic (8), Serbia, 6-3, 6-1.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. John Isner (9), U.S., 2-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Juan Martin Del Potro (10), Argentina, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon (11), France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
Nicolas Almagro (12), Spain, def. Sam Querrey, U.S., 7-5, 6-2.
Juan Monaco (14), Argentina, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Women
Singles — Second Round
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Shahar Peer, Israel, 6-1, 6-2.
Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.
Samantha Stosur (5), Australia, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-3, 7-5.
Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Caroline Wozniacki (6), Denmark, 6-4, 4-0 (retired).
Julia Goerges, Germany, def. Marion Bartoli (7), France, 6-3, 6-1.
Li Na (8), China, def. Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-5.
Serena Williams (9), U.S., def. Nadia Petrova, Russia, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Angelique Kerber (12), Germany, def. Vania King, U.S., 6-3, 6-2.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
New Jersey 3 N.Y. Rangers 2
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 New Jersey 0
Saturday's game
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Monday, May 21
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 25
x-N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 27
x-New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
PHOENIX (3) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 2-0)
Tuesday's result
Los Angeles 4 Phoenix 0
Tonight's game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
x-Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

DEVILS 3, RANGERS 2

First Period
1. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 6 (Zidlicky, Parise) 13:39 (pp)
Penalties — Hagelin NYR (holding) 5:38, Elias NJ (roughing) 10:13, Boyle NYR (slashing) 13:02.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Rangers, Staal 3 (Richards, Girardi) 2:23
3. N.Y. Rangers, Kreider 4 (Stralman, Anisimov) 12:19 (pp)
4. New Jersey, Carter 2 (Salvador, Bernier) 18:09
Penalties — Ponikarovsky NJ (interference) 0:48, Zajac NJ (interference) 10:32.
Third Period
5. New Jersey, Clarkson 3 (Henrique, Salvador) 2:31
Penalties — Bernier NJ (interference) 3:49, Anisimov NYR (hooking) 12:02.
Shots on goal by

New Jersey	8	9	10	— 27
N.Y. Rangers	5	12	8	— 25

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,9-4); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (L,9-7). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 1-3; N.Y. Rangers: 1-4.
Attendance — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
D.Brown, LA	7	7	14
Briere, Pha	8	5	13
Kovalchuk, NJ	6	7	13
Kopitar, LA	4	9	13
B.Richards, NYR	6	6	12
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
Zajac, NJ	5	5	10
Gaborik, NYR	4	6	10

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday's game — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONS CUP
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Helsinki and Stockholm

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Canada	**7**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**35**	**15**	**19**
x-U.S.	7	4	2	0	1	32	17	16
x-Finland	7	5	0	0	2	21	14	15
x-Slovakia	7	5	0	0	2	21	13	15
France	7	3	0	0	4	21	32	9
Switzerland	7	2	0	0	5	16	21	6
Belarus	7	1	0	0	6	11	23	3
Kazakhstan	7	0	0	1	6	11	33	1

GROUP B

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Russia	7	7	0	0	0	27	8	21
x-Sweden	7	6	0	0	1	30	15	18
x-Czech Rep.	7	4	1	0	2	24	11	14
x-Norway	7	4	0	1	2	33	19	13
Latvia	7	2	0	0	5	11	20	6
Germany	7	2	0	0	5	14	31	6
Denmark	7	1	0	1	5	13	23	4
Italy	7	0	1	0	6	6	31	2

x — clinched berth in championship playoffs.
Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.
Tuesday's results
At Helsinki
Canada 5 Belarus 1
Slovakia 5 France 4
U.S. 5 Switzerland 2
At Stockholm
Czech Republic 8 Germany 1
Norway 6 Denmark 2
Sweden 5 Latvia 0
END OF PRELIMINARY ROUND

PLAYOFFS

Today's games — All Times Eastern
QUARTER-FINALS
At Helsinki
Canada vs. Slovakia, 6 a.m.
U.S. vs. Finland, 11:30 a.m.
At Stockholm
Russia vs. Norway, 8:45 a.m.
Sweden vs. Czech Republic, 2:15 p.m.

MEMORIAL CUP

CANADIAN MAJOR JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Shawinigan, Que.
All Times Eastern
ROUND ROBIN
Tomorow's game
Edmonton vs. Shawinigan, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
London vs. Saint John, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Shawinigan vs. London, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 21
Edmonton vs. Saint John, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
London vs. Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
Shawinigan vs. Saint John, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
Tiebreaker (if required)
Third vs. Fourth Places, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 25
Semifinal —Second vs. Third Places, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 26 — No Games Scheduled.
Sunday, May 27
Championship
First Place vs. Semifinal Winner, 7 p.m.
PARTICIPANTS
Edmonton Oil Kings (WHL champions)
London Knights (OHL champions)
Saint John Sea Dogs (QMJHL champions)
Shawinigan Cataractes (host)

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best of 7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
MIAMI (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Indiana 78 Miami 75
Tonight's game
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
BOSTON (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Boston leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
Boston 107 Philadelphia 91
Monday's result
Philadelphia 82 Boston 81
Tomorrow's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(San Antonio leads series 1-0)
Tuesday's result
San Antonio 108 L.A. Clippers 92
Tonight's game
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. L.A. LAKERS (3)
(Oklahoma City leads series 2-0)
Last night's result
Oklahoma City 77 L.A. Lakers 75
Saturday's game
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Monday's result
Oklahoma City 119 L.A. Lakers 90

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA

At Montecatini Terme, Italy
Yesterday's results
Stage 11 (255 kilometres)
1. Roberto Ferrari, Italy, Androni Giocattoli, six hours, 49 minutes, five seconds; 2. Francesco Chicchi, Italy, Omega Pharma-Quickstep, same time; 3. Tomas Vaitkus, Lithuania, Orica-GreenEdge, s.t.; 4. Mark Cavendish, Britain, Sky Procycling, s.t.; 5. Manuel Belletti, Italy, AG2R La Mondiale, s.t.; 6. Giacomo Nizzolo, Italy, Radioshack, s.t.; 7. Daniel Schorn, Austria, Netapp, s.t.; 8. Arnaud Demare, France, FDJ-Big Mat, s.t.; 9. Danilo Wyss, Switzerland, BMC Racing, s.t.; 10. Geoffrey Soupe, France, FDJ-Big Mat, s.t.
Canadians — 15. Christian Meier, Sussex, N.B., Orica-GreenEdge, same time; 22. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, s.t.; 129. Dominique Rollin, Boucherville, Que., Orica-GreenEdge, 4:00 behind; 130. Svein Tuft, Langley, B.C., FDJ-Big Mat, s.t.
OVERALL STANDINGS
(after 11th of 21 stages)
1. Joaquin Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, 47 hours, 16 minutes, 39 seconds; **2. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, Garmin-Barracuda, 0:17 behind;** 3. Paolo Tiralongo, Italy, Astana, 0:32; 4. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Astana, 0:52; 5. Benat Intxausti, Spain, Movistar, same time; 6. Ivan Basso, Italy, Liquigas, 0:57; 7. Damiano Caruso, Italy, Liquigas, 1:02; 8. Dario Cataldo, Italy, Omega Pharma, 1:03; 9. Eros Capecchi, Italy, Liquigas, 1:09; 10. Rigoberto Uran Uran, Colombia, Sky, 1:10.
Other Canadians
136. Christian Meier, Sussex, N.B., Orica-GreenEdge, 1:05:58; 140. Dominique Rollin, Boucherville, Que., Orica-GreenEdge, 1:07:59; 165. Svein Tuft, Langley, B.C., FDJ-Big Mat, 1:20:34.

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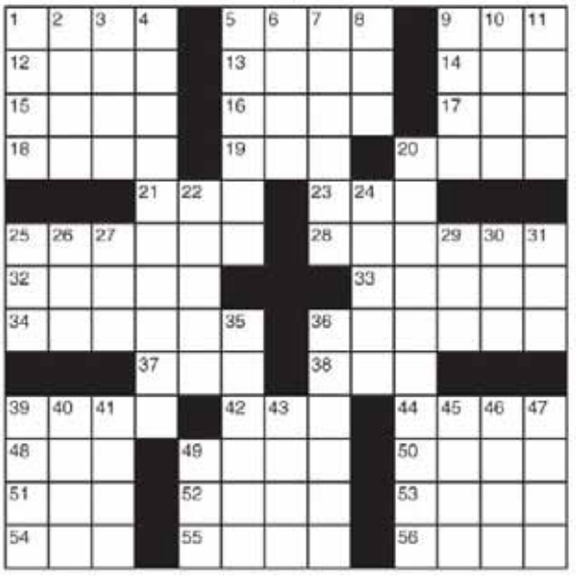
Crossword

Across

1 Dance lesson
5 "Born Free" lioness
9 Interlaken interjection
12 Heart of the matter
13 Actor Neeson
14 Pi follower
15 Domini lead-in
16 Sore
17 Cardplayer's call
18 Heart of the matter
19 Shell-game item
20 Punch
21 CIA forerunner
23 "Go, team!"
25 Carol opener
28 Island greetings
32 Virile
33 Bay of Biscay feeder
34 Schulz pooch
36 Obtained
37 Sugar suffix
38 Lamb's dam
39 Leave in a hurry
42 Possess
44 Buzz Aldrin's mother's maiden name
48 Wish undone
49 Send out
50 Desire
51 Lemieux milieu
52 Count counterpart
53 Ashen
54 Replies of surprise
55 Dandling locale
56 Kane's Rosebud

Down

1 Unwanted email
2 Prong
3 Sicilian spouter
4 Session with the camera
5 Go by
6 Grown-up nits
7 Vast dry expanse
8 "Judging —"
9 Jason's ship
10 Stylish
11 Goose's noise
20 Westerns
22 Comes to a halt
24 Say it's OK
25 Mornings (Abbr.)
26 Newsman emeritus Rather
27 Author Umberto
29 Smack
30 Exist
31 D.C. address
35 Naval petty officer
36 Kind
39 Enthusiastic vigor
40 "That hurts!"
41 Sediment
43 Telegram
45 Evangelist Roberts
46 Look lecherously
47 Requirement
49 Comic-strip scream



Sudoku

	5		8		9		7	
	7	8	4		2	1	6	
2			5		4			9
		9	3		6	5		
3			9		7			1
	9	1	6		8	4	2	
	4		1		3		5	

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	9	1	5	2	4	6	7
4	6	1	3	8	7	2	9	5
5	2	7	9	6	4	8	1	3
8	9	3	6	2	5	1	7	4
7	5	4	8	1	3	6	2	9
6	1	2	4	7	9	5	3	8
2	4	5	7	9	1	3	8	6
1	7	8	5	3	6	9	4	2
9	3	6	2	4	8	7	5	1

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

LJ BCAS BATVV DCCFZSB FTQQU TQCMON SVSFYQLFTV JLYYLOHB, UCM ALHZY BTU Y ZTY DMHB VMH DVMHB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN ORDER TO INVENT AN INNOVATIVE MOTOR, I IMAGINE YOU'D NEED GREAT ENGINE-UITY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals T

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. If something sounds too good to be true then it most likely is, so don't be fooled.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be having doubts about a friendship or relationship that has caused you quite a bit of trouble of late, but don't give up on it yet.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Think carefully before you pursue what you think is your dream – because it could turn into a nightmare if you get it wrong.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. It's time to get over the past. It's the future that matters.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Strive to keep things in perspective today, especially where affairs of the heart are concerned.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Be confident enough to follow your own path through life, even if it is a path many people might disapprove of.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You are who you are and no one has the right to demand that you be any different.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Someone you meet today will make an impression on you and no doubt your friendship will blossom.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If someone you love seems determined to make a silly mistake then you might as well let them get on with it.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Even if you are in the mood to make changes it will pay you to wait a few days.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You have nothing to prove, not to other people nor to yourself, so slow down and give your overworked body and mind time to recover.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Consult someone you trust before making that big move you have been thinking about. It could be they can see a potential pitfall that you have missed.

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